A NEW SIAMESE BULBUL.

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Molpastes aurigaster thais, subsp. nov.

The Siamese Orange-vented Bulbul.

Like *M. a. germaini* (Oust.) of Cochin-China except that the top of the head is blackish, not dark brown; the breast and abdomen paler and the under tail-coverts orange-yellow rather than lemon-yellow.

Differs from *M. a. aurigaster* (Vieill.) of Java in the less intensely black crown, less mottled upper parts, lesser extent of black on the throat and rather less pale under surface.

Above and on the throat this race most resembles *M. a. germaini*, while beneath it comes nearest to *M. a. aurigaster*.

Anderson's *Pycnonotus xanthorrhous* from North Burma (no specimens available) seems to be congeneric with the above birds and probably only subspecifically distinct from them. It differs principally in its scarcely mottled darker back, brown (not white) ear coverts and pure white chin and throat.

Specimens examined. Four males and one female from Bangkok: one male from Khao Sebab, Chantabun, S. E. Siam. W. J. F. Williamson.

Wings ♂ 87, 88, 89, 89, 91; ♀ 86 mm.

Iris brown to red; bill black; mouth orange-fleshy; feet blackish brown.

Compared with fifteen examples of *M. a. germaini* from South Annam and a still larger series of *M. a. aurigaster*.

Two males, in moult, have the foreneck and breasts discoloured by blackish stain. The under tail-coverts vary, as in the typical race, from as rich an orange as in any Javanese bird to a yellow almost as pale as in *germaini*.

Type. Adult male from Bangkok, 4th March 1915, W. J. F. Williamson coll.

This is one of those species which occur in Indo-China and again in the Javanese province of Malaysia only. The Javanese form, however, has been imported into Sumatra and Singapore where it seems to be establishing itself.